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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN RESERVATIONS REGARDING IMCO

APPROVAL

REFS: A) STATE 29561; B) JAKARTA 1701

1. REF B SUGGESTED JUSTICE MINISTER MOCHTAR'S OBJECTION
TO IMCO APPROVAL OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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MEASURES, ON GROUNDS THAT IMCO SUBJECT TO DOMINATION BY

MARITIME POWERS.

2. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT APPROACH REQUESTED REF A SHOULD BE MADE TO FOREIGN OFFICE. FOLLOWING POINTS MIGHT BE MADE TO REBUT CONCERN THAT IMCO DOMINATED BY MARITIME POWERS.

3. WE BELIEVE THAT IMCO PROCEDURES ASSURE FAIR PROTECTION OF ALL INTERESTS. MEMBERSHIP IN IMCO BODIES IS NOT LIMITED TO MAJOR MARITIME POWERS. IN FACT THE MAJORITY OF STATES PARTY TO THE IMCO CONVENTION ARE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

AMENDMENTS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED TO IMCO CONVENTION WHICH WILL MAKE MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE (MSC) OPEN TO ALL IMCO MEMBERS, AND SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE LDC REPRESENTATION ON COUNCIL. ALTHOUGH THESE HAVE NOT YET ENTERED INTO FORCE, INDONESIA IS TODAY A MEMBER OF THE 18-STATE IMCO COUNCIL. FYI: DEPT WONDERS HOW INDONESIA'S PROPOSED NON-USE OF

IMCO FORA WOULD EFFECT INDONESIA'S GROWING INFLUENTIAL ROLE IN THE ESTABLISHED INTERNATIONAL MARITIME COMMUNITY. INDONESIA'S REP TO COUNCIL, AND CHAIRMAN OF IMCO TECHNICAL COOPERATION COMMITTEE IS CAPTAIN S. TARDANA, DEPT OF TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND TOURISM. END FYI.

MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE IS OPEN TO ALL STATES PARTY TO THE IMCO CONVENTION, AS IS THE SAFETY OF NAVIGATION SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE MSC, WHERE THE MALACCA STRAITS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ON AGENDA.

DESPITE REPUTATION MOCHTAR ATTRIBUTES TO IMCO, WE DO NOT FEEL THAT CASE CAN BE MADE THAT QTE WEAKER UNQTE COUNTRIES HAVE EXPERIENCED REAL PROBLEMS EVEN AS RESULT OF ORIGINAL ORGANIZATION OF IMCO WITH ITS NON-RESTRICTIVE BODIES.

4. IN ADVANCING ABOVE POINTS, EMBASSY SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT ALTHOUGH U.S. HAS PROPOSED THAT IMCO BE USED AS MEANS TO HANDLE LOCALIZED STRAITS PROBLEMS, WE HAVE NOT ADVOCATED PARTICULAR PROCEDURE FOR THIS END. CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE FOREGOING POINTS AS ILLUSTRATION OF PROTECTION OF DEVELOPING COUNTRY INTERESTS IMPLICIT IN IMCO STRUCTURE, AND TO REBUT GENERALLY CLAIM THAT IMCO CONTROLLED BY MAJOR POWERS. INGERSOLL

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